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In an embodiment, sending information for the recipient(s) e.g. e-mail addresses is determined and then the image, along with perhaps other images determined to be sent to the recipient, is sent electronically by e-mail to each of the recipient(s) as specified by the satisfied sharing rule(s) and for which sending information is available. Such sending of e-mails may be automatic (in that the e-mail is generated and sent to the recipient(s) without significant or any user intervention) or manual and optionally, the user may be offered the choice to decline sending the image to one or more of the determined recipients.

Alternatively, a link to the image on a Web site could be sent instead of the image itself. The image (or link) could also be sent by other electronic transmission means such as instant messaging. As will be apparent to those skilled in the art, the image may also simply be made available on a portion of a Web site designated for the recipient and which the recipient may access.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above specification.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for image sharing based on a face in an image, comprising: defining a sharing rule that specifies with which one or more recipients images are shared based on face identifying information; and

applying face identifying information associated with the image to the sharing rule to determine the one or more recipients with which the image should be shared.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein making the image available comprises at least one of automatically sending a copy of the image to the determined one or more

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